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President Clinton seeks black publishers' support

White House briefing, headquarters grand opening highlight Black Press Week

by Jan M. Edgerton-Johnson

Bob Ruben, President Bill Clinton's economic advisor, was almost finished with his pitch for the administration's new economic plan when the President and Vice-president Al Gore entered the room where more than 30 black publishers had assembled to meet and talk with them.

The occasion was the celebration of Black Press Week and the White House visit was part of the agenda that included the grand opening ceremony of the new headquarters for the National Newspaper Publisher's Association (NNPA) with special guest, DC Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly, and a Friday luncheon attended by the likes of Dorothy Height, Jesse Jackson and guest speaker Ron Brown, secretary of Commerce.

In spite of the politically packed festivities, publishers discussed and measured the merit of President Clinton's actions on the economy, jobs, health and the Haitian situation.

Vice President Gore congratulated the NNPA for cutting the ribbon on their new headquarters. "This is an auspicious week...the nation's first black newspaper, 'Freedom's Journal,' chartered the course that news-

papers have followed through decades preaching the twin self-help doctrine of education and job training exhorting their readers to prime their children while young for industry," he said and then added jokingly, "There must have been a democratic office."

"The NNPA continues to push for education and job training in the communities that you serve," the Vice-president continued. "Today black newspapers help to shape national policy. Today, black newspapers help to elect a president."

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Gore ended by asking for the assistance of the publishers to support the President's economic plan, now before Congress.

Following the Vice-president's brief remarks, President Clinton welcomed the group. He thanked the publishers for their support during the last year and said he was pleased to see their appeal for his economic plan. He said he was attempting "to do something never done before"—increase investment in jobs, education and health care and reduce the government deficit at the same time.

He said that since his election, interest rates have dropped tremendously, so people have an opportunity to refinance their loans at lower interest rates. The President described his

plan of spending cuts, tax increases and new investments as one that is "fair and 'will grow the economy.'"

Regarding health care, the President said that he anticipated a guaranteed program later this spring after "the first Lady's" committee finishes its studies and recommendations. He said that the program will extend coverage to all Americans, and will include a plan to slow the cost increases of the health care system.

President Clinton concluded his remarks by briefly sharing his feelings on the restoration of power to exiled President Jean Bertrand Aristide of Haiti. He commented, "President Aristide should be returned to office because two-thirds of the people of Haiti want it not because the

United States can do it...We should use our national muscle under the umbrella of the United Nations and the Organization of American States to restore the will of the people...I think we can do that."

During the question and answer sessions, City News Publisher Henry C. Johnson asked the President about (continued on page 10)

New Community example of Bradley's urban rebuilding program

by Jan M. Edgerton-Johnson

New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley unveiled, last week, a comprehensive package of proposals aimed at rebuilding America's cities through already functioning community-based programs.

The Senator used Newark's New Community Corporation as an example of the type of program that has not only worked, but should be adopted on a broader scope to help other communities. The adaptation and expansion of programs that are now working in communities nationally is the foundation for Senator Bradley's urban revitalization package.

"I plan to propose an urban package that will tap into the best of America's urban communities and begin rebuilding and rejuvenating city neighborhoods across this country," he assured.

"It was less than a year ago that we watched Los Angeles explode in riot across our television screens, followed by the parade of people saying it was time to do something about our cities. And of course, nothing was

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Desperately Seeking Contacts

Newark Chamber of Commerce invites Japanese to spring seminar but results come up short

by Deborah Russell-Brown

The Newark Chamber of Commerce's ambitious cross cultural seminar between African-Americans and the Japanese held last Wednesday left its organizers baffled when only one Japanese executive attended.

"New Beginnings II" lost much of its luster when its headline CEO of Japanese companies—never showed and the concept of stimulating a "cross cultural dialogue" fizzled

into a non-event.

"I was a little disappointed that there really weren't any Japanese people here, but sometimes things like that happen," said David Mitchell owner of It Works Database Systems.

Eager participants excited to talk up their specific product or service to an Asian listener, found themselves pitching sales speeches to the other thirty-five or so African-Americans who did manage to attend.

The lone Japanese executive,

Akihito Shimauchi, CEO of Fujirebio America Inc., was introduced by the evening's speaker, Basil Phillips, President of VIP, a copy center in Cedar Knolls, spoke briefly about his personal path to entrepreneurship before asking Shimauchi to discuss Japanese business practices.

"Our mentality is a little different," Shimauchi quietly explained. "We look for companies that will look to meet our needs and go beyond for you see that is how we do business with each other."

The morning meeting had been billed as a seminar, however the activities boiled down to an hour of networking and comments from Phillips. There were no other speakers or panel discussions.

Gloria Ward, a vice-president with the Chamber, noted the slimmed down effect of this year's seminar. In comparison to last year's seminar, which was "purposeful," designed to stimulate dialogue.

She quipped "New Beginnings II" was smaller but more intimate than an initial cross-cultural dialogue organized by the Black United Front last July.

Ward and Shimauchi cited the newsmen as the reason more Japanese businessmen didn't attend.

"We were really victimized by the weather," she said. Neither Ward nor any other representative from the Chamber commented further on the disappointing absence.

The Japanese, who have come under fire from both American blacks and whites for being protectionists, appeared to fuel pre-conceived notions and stereotypes with their absence.

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Corporate representatives have a chance to network with potential suppliers at IBMC's Procurement Fair

First IBMC Procurement Fair meets success

by Nicol Djarra Davis

Despite inclement weather, thirty-three corporations participated in last Thursday's Procurement Fair, co-sponsored by the Newark Department of Economic Development, Division of Minority Business Corporation (IBMC).

"We're very pleased with the turnout in spite of the weather," said Roger Hinton, president and CEO of IBMC. "I think it shows their confidence, both the vendors and the corporations, in the IBMC and our ability to bring the two together to do business."

Small, minority- and women-owned businesses were invited to visit

the exhibiting corporations to discuss their products and services. According to Lynne Elliott, chairperson for the IBMC Procurement Committee, IBMC is a facilitator for small, minority- and women-owned businesses to obtain contracts as well as an entry into some of the larger corporations.

"We're looking to get memberships and we will be providing other services to the businesses in the New Jersey and New York area," she said. "We recognize that there is a lot of purchasing power and strength in numbers. As we grow and acquire more members, we will be able to provide more services that will benefit small business owners."

Anthony Hayle, director (continued on page 10)

Highway Commissioner urges statewide campaign

WOODBRIDGE—A statewide letter-writing campaign has been conducted since last June to persuade Governor Florio to appoint an African-American woman to fill the next available commissioner vacancy on the New Jersey Highway Authority in June 1993.

Highway Authority Commissioner Julian Robinson said this lobbying effort was prompted by the fact that, during its entire 40-year history, the Authority, which manages the Garden State Parkway and Garden State Arts Center, has had only one African-American commissioner (himself), only two women and no Hispanics.

Robinson said that "such statistics clearly explain and underscore the insidious level of ingrained institutional racism that governs many Authority decisions, particularly affecting appointments, promotions and vendor selection."

He listed some recent incidents of blatant racism that have occurred within the Authority:

1) dispatched State Police detectives to search the home of an African-American maintenance staff member on only the strength of racially anonymous and thoroughly scurrilous written allegations;

female payroll clerk (after she suffered a stroke) to include an additional requirement of being able to lift twenty pounds;

3) concocted trumped-up harassment charges against five Legacy members in an attempt to discredit them for daring to challenge the Authority's weak and misleading affirmative action program and report; and

4) attempted to deprive these same five employees of their basic Constitutional rights to freedom of speech.

Beginning with a letter of last June 19 (Emancipation Proclamation Day), Robinson wrote five times to approximately 140 civic and political leaders—including the state's 12-member Legislative Black Caucus, both U.S. Senators, and 40 New Jersey NAACP branch presidents—throughout New Jersey asking them to write to Governor Florio requesting that he appoint a black woman to the next five-year term which will become vacant on the Highway Authority in June of this year.

"To date," Commissioner Robinson said, "we know that twenty-six letters have been sent to the Governor, included among them are several from elected officials, four from NAACP branch presidents, and one from a

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Two Newark based organizations share in major arts funding

NEWARK-The Carter G. Woodson Foundation and The Newark Museum are the only New Jersey arts organizations to share in \$14.5 million in Challenge Grants from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).

This is the federal arts agency's largest and one of its most competitive funding categories. Sixty grantees were selected from among 268 applicants. The Challenge Grant is a matching fund program which means that grantees must raise a minimum of three dollars for every one dollar awarded by NEA.

Tenth District Congressman Donald Payne, a member of the Congressional Arts Caucus and a

strong supporter of programs to promote the arts, complimented both The Carter G. Woodson Foundation and The Newark Museum for their success in the national competition.

"I am proud that two Newark arts organizations have successfully competed for these prestigious federal grants. The awards will enhance our efforts to promote the arts in New Jersey, benefiting both local residents and visitors to our state," said Congressman Payne.

The Carter G. Woodson Foundation has been awarded \$190,000 to support a major initiative to expand its "Black Culture on Tour in America" program. The NEA grant will establish a Mid-

Atlantic/New England region touring network. The funds will provide cost savings to smaller performers in the regions and add to the number of performances in schools and community centers.

The Newark Museum, New Jersey's largest museum complex, has been awarded \$175,000 to help expand its Endowment for Operations. According to Museum Director Samuel C. Miller, "this NEA Challenge Grant will be pivotal to the success of the Museum's ongoing endowment campaign. It will serve as a stimulus to the overall fundraising effort. The Museum's past success in matching an NEA grant indicates its fundraising potential."



'Who's Who' honors Plainfield educator

Union County Freshherd Walter McLeod presents a resolution to Mrs. Shirley Vaughn Bowers of Westfield congratulating her for having been selected by "Who's Who Among America's Teachers." Bowers, a native of Elizabeth, teaches eighth grade social studies at the Hubbard School in Plainfield. She was selected by one or more of her students of merit as a teacher who "made a difference" in the life of that student. Bowers was also the recipient of the Distinguished Leadership Award, Dedication to the Hubbard School by Students, and was selected Teacher of the Year.

Dr. Flagg honored by PSE&G

NEWARK—Dr. E. Alma Flagg recently received a Certification of Appreciation from PSE&G Education Advisory Committee for her dedication and commitment to improve the quality of education for New Jersey students.

Dr. Flagg, a life-long provider of excellence in education is a former Department Director and Assistant Superintendent of the Newark Public School System.

Dr. Flagg, poet and educator, has had a school, the E. Alma Flagg Elementary School; a day and night scholarship named in her honor. She is a member of Newark's Beta Alpha Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha.

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Newark 'Women' host honors luncheon

NEWARK-The Newark Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women will hold its first annual luncheon on Friday, March 26, at noon at the Robert Treat Hotel. The luncheon will celebrate "Women's History Month," and recognize women who have made outstanding contributions to the City.

The luncheon, "Honoring Our Inspiring Heroines," will honor Elizabeth Cruz, tele-supervisor/customer service representative for Security National Bank; Florence De Vito, president of the St. James Hospital Ladies Auxiliary; Bessie Thomas, senior citizen director at Behary Baptist Church; and Elizabeth Williams, past mistress of Trinity Chapter 14-O.E.S., Prince Hall Affiliation.

"These women have been working in the community for years, behind the scenes," said Trish Morris-Yambatho, commission's chairwoman. "We wanted to disclose the deeds they have usefully provided, and thank them in a special way for their outstanding public service."

According to Mayor Sharpe James, the women's commission was established last year to be a voice for

women on the local, state and national level and to advocate funding and other worthwhile resources for Newark residents.

Yamba said some immediate concerns the commission plans to address, as noted from a survey the group issued to several women last year, are, affordable housing, training and employment and violence against women.

For tickets or more information about the luncheon, please contact Morris-Yamba, 201-643-5710.

Levinson, new trustee at Thomas Edison State

Dr. Drunell Levinson, a new trustee at Thomas Edison State College, was recently sworn in as a new trustee at the school. She joins the 11-member Board of Trustees, which oversees the planning, development and operations of the College.

Previously an actress on Broadway, Levinson has received many credits in acting and theater through portfolio assessment. She has owned her own consulting business and recently directed a play at the Kelsey Theater of Mercer County Community College.

Levinson is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree with a concentration in the humanities. She lives in Princeton with her husband, Marc.

Drunell Levinson
Photo by Linda Solita

Lattimore, new director of ACLU's Trenton office

TRENTON—Ovie E. Lattimore, former Plainfield lawyer, has been selected as the new director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Trenton office.

According to the "Civil Liberties Reporter," Lattimore looks forward to working for the ACLU and sees his new job as an opportunity to help in the preservation of constitutional rights.

"All too many people have allowed rights to be taken away in the name of a war on drugs or a war on crime; but rights, once taken away, are hard to get back," Lattimore told the "Reporter."

Lattimore graduated from Seton Hall Law School in 1986 and has since worked as a reporter for the "Star-Ledger," an Essex County assistant prosecutor and in private practice.

Coping

By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

I don't need any garbage in my life

The last two columns were about two of my three rules that you should follow to keep from going crazy. The first two rules are:

1. Don't make things important that are not important (I said to keep people always get depressed about things that are actually unimportant) and

2. Take the high road. (Last week, I said that many people allow themselves to be suckered into arguing about unimportant matters. So, don't let anyone trick you into arguing about an unimportant issue.) Today, I will tell you about rule number three: Toss the Garbage.

Everyone knows about someone who gets beaten up by a spouse, but voluntarily remains in the relationship. Everyone knows about someone who hates their boss, but stays on the job. These people, your abusive spouse or your hated boss, are the garbage in your life. If you can toss them out of your life, you will feel free, again. You will have a heavy, heavy burden been thrown out of your life. So, why do you keep these unpleasant people in your life?

Ms. J. of Durham, North Carolina wrote, in a recent letter to me: "A co-worker on my job is one of the most horrible persons I have ever met. She is going to send me to the psychiatric ward of a hospital. I would like to toss her out of my life, but I can't because I have to work with her everyday. What can I do?"

Most people in your life are actually unimportant. Most people who cause you stress are unnecessary parts of your life. These people are the garbage in your life. If you get rid of them you'll feel better, be happier, be a lot less stressed, be more motivated, get more sleep, get fewer headaches, like yourself more. The list of good things that could happen is very, very long. So why don't you dump them? In most cases you can easily do it. Just say to yourself, "Damn it, I will no longer let (that person) torment my life again. I am going to avoid (him or) her like the plague."

Do say that you can't do this, because I don't want to be living up to your role as a mature adult. You can do it. So, do it. Be an adult and take charge of your own life. Stop being a doormat for someone else.

Dropping an old acquaintance who is causing stress in your life can be easy. Quitting a job to get away from a certain troublesome person may not be practical, but here is what you should do:

1. Start examining other career possibilities. There may very well be a better job available in a better environment. Send out resumes to other employers.

2. Deal with that troublesome co-worker on your present job, who causes you stress, by being courteous. Always be too busy to talk; and, when you have to talk, talk about professional subjects that has to do with your job. Never discuss your personal life. Never talk about other people.

3. Avoid that person like you would avoid a person who has the flu. Diplomatically, leave the office when they enter, have lunch alone, or with other friends. If the troublesome person comes to your table at lunch, go to the restroom.

4. The trick is to always have an emergency engagement that you need to attend to, when they come around.

5. The point is to gently drop them from your life, without making your intentions obvious to them. Use that creative mind of yours to develop new techniques to throw out the garbage that is in your life. There are many, many people out there who would love to have your friendship, and who would bring happiness, comfort and companionship to your life. Now go out and make contact with them.

Plainfield town meeting attracts six mayoral candidates

PLAINFIELD—Although the official filing deadline for mayoral candidates in Plainfield is until April 15, six candidates have agreed to face the public and answer questions on social and educational issues on March 24 at 7 p.m. at Plainfield High School's auditorium.

The candidates who will appear at the high school are Malcolm Dunn, Mark Vary, William Hoefel, Robert Ferraro, George Gore and Ted Prohaska. Asking questions will be journalists from the print and electronic media, including "City News," "The Courier News" and WERA radio, and two students from Plainfield High School, Tyshaun Hawkins and Natasha Lewis. Written questions from members of the audience will be asked by the moderator, Dr. Thomas Brown, president of Union County College, who serves as moderator.

"Educational issues, of course, are important to us, but so are social issues because of the way they impact on education," said Dr. Annette Kearney, superintendent of Plainfield schools.

"The town meeting will put the citizens at the forefront of the decision-making process of choosing the next mayor of Plainfield," said Assemblyman Gerald Green, who is co-sponsoring the town meeting with the Plainfield Board of Education.

Community Calendar

ONGOING		Information call 201-746-5555	
NEW BRUNSWICK—Robert Wood Johnson Medical School is offering free and confidential AIDS testing and counseling. To make an appointment call 908-418-8114 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.		NOW THRU MAY 21	
UPPER MONTCLAIR—"Women's History Month" an exhibit by female artists of Montclair is on display at Life Hall Annex of Montclair State College.		JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City Public Library will hold its preschool story hour weekly. For more info call 201-547-4509.	
NOW THRU MARCH 28		TUESDAYS, THRU MAY 25	
UPPER MONTCLAIR—"Women's History Month" an exhibit by female artists of Montclair is on display at Life Hall Annex of Montclair State College.		SCOTCH PLAINS—Individuals with disabilities may enjoy open swim with the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. at the Scotch Plains-Farwood YMCA, 1540 Marline Ave., free of charge. Persons requiring assistance in either the water or the locker room should bring a chaperone. For more info call 908-527-4890.	
JERSEY CITY—An exhibit of recent drawings by Campetti/Chimera will be shown in The Courtney Gallery of Jersey City State College, Mon.-Fri.		EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	
NOW THRU APRIL 22		IRVINGTON—The Irvington Health Department has a free afternoon baby clinic for ages newborn to 5 at Irvington General Hospital. Make an appointment by calling 201-999-6652.	
UPPER MONTCLAIR—"Contemporary Mexican Commemorative Portraits: The Pamela Schainman Photoscultural Collection" will be on exhibit at the College Art Gallery, Life Hall of Montclair State College.		WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24	
NOW THRU MAY 16		NEWARK—"How To Get The Most Out Of Employment and Training Agencies," a workshop, will be given at the Main Library from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. For more info call 201-733-4325.	
MONTCLAIR—"The Montclair Art Museum will present an innovative, educational exhibition which illustrates the interrelationship between math and art 'Mathematics in Art Revisited.' For more		NEWARK—"O Soul, Come Back! The	
		World of the Han Dynasty Tomb," a collection of objects of the Chinese of the Han Dynasty (206 B.C.E. to 220 B.C.E.) will be on view in an exhibit at the Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Art Gallery at Columbia University. For more info call 212-854-7288.	
		MAHWAH—Ramapo College, in conjunction with the Master Lecture Series, "The Promises of the Earth Summit," will present a lecture entitled "Women, Environment, Poverty, and Race," in celebration of Women's History Month. To be held in Friends Hall at 6 p.m. For more info call 201-529-7488.	
		ELIZABETH—Union County College will conduct a financial aid workshop to acquaint the public with the New Jersey state financial aid form and various sources of available assistance at the Elizabeth Campus at 6 p.m. For more info call 709-7098.	
		THURSDAY, MARCH 25	
		NEWARK—A workshop on "Interview Techniques" will be held at the Main Library from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. For more info call 201-733-4325.	
		MAHWAH—"Some of Us Are Mothers, All of Us Are Daughters," a program filled with prose, poetry, music and visual arts of women of many cultures, will be presented at Ramapo College's Friends Hall at 2 p.m. For more info call 201-529-7488.	
		FRIDAY, MARCH 26	
		EAST ORANGE—Movies especially for senior citizens will be presented at 1:30 p.m. at the Main Library. For more info call 201-265-5500.	
		SATURDAY, MARCH 27	
		PLAINFIELD—"Developing Confidence for the Job Interview" will offer an insight into effective ways to market yourself and get the salary you want, and will be held at Union County College's Plainfield Campus from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info call 908-709-7801.	
		SUNDAY, MARCH 28	
		NEWARK—"The Grand Opening of B & B Fashion Center Mini Mart, located at 1044 Bergen Street, will be held from 1 to 2 p.m.	
		WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31	
		PLAINFIELD—"The Plainfield Board of Education will conduct a public hearing on the 1989-94 Budget at the Plainfield High School Library at 7:00 p.m.	
		THURSDAY, APRIL 1	
		TRENTON—"West Indian fiction writer, novelist, Jamaica Kincaid will offer a presentation at 4:30 p.m. in Clayton R. Brown Blount Center at Trenton State College. For info call 609-771-2559.	

National News at a glance

By Robert N. Taylor

The following is a weekly summary of top national news events affecting the African-American community compiled by the National Black News Service.

Report: Inner city America being isolated. Twenty-five years ago, following the urban riots of the 1960s, the government chartered Kerner Commission issued a warning to the nation: "Our society is becoming two societies, one black, one white—separate and unequal." Last week a new report was issued by the prestigious Eisenhower Foundation, according to the foundation, "The problems of urban America have become more complicated." The new document, says the report, is not only have the inner cities been abandoned by whites but middle-income blacks are following them. The result is income areas populated by low-income blacks with weakened families and few social advancement skills. The new report warns that this "isolation" will produce a wide range of new problems for the nation.—WASHINGTON, DC

High court OK's creation of minority voting district. The U.S. Supreme Court last week gave its approval to the recent trend of creating predominantly minority voting districts. The practice resulted in the election of at least 20 new blacks and other minorities to the U.S. Congress in this past November's election. However, the practice had been challenged by a group of blacks and whites in Ohio largely because it had the effect of improving black wealth in some areas while weakening it on a broader or statewide level. A lower court agreed, saying there was "no justification" for the practice. But the Supreme Court disagreed with the assertion by the lower court that a state had to first show past discrimination before the creation of such districts could be legally justified.—WASHINGTON, DC

St. Louis likely to get a black mayor. The victory by circuit clerk Freeman Bosley, Jr. in a four-way race for the democratic nomination for mayor of St. Louis makes him likely winner in the April 6 general election. He faces republican John O'Grady and two independents, but previous candidates have not lost a mayoral race in the city in 44 years. If successful, Bosley, 38, will become the city's first black mayor.—ST. LOUIS, MO

Sharpton plans Senate race after jail. Activist Rev. Al Sharpton says he plans to lose weight and be ready for a run for the U.S. Senate when he finishes his 45-day jail sentence. Sharpton began the sentence last week. He was originally sentenced for leading a disruptive demonstration that blocked rush hour traffic in 1987 following the killing of a black man by a white gang in Queens. The frequently controversial Sharpton plans to run against veteran New York democratic senator Daniel Moynihan.—NEW YORK, NY

Condemned black man freed. Walter D. McMillan had been condemned to death and had served 4 1/2 years in prison for the killing of a 19-year-old white woman in 1966. But last week he walked out of jail a free man after prosecutors admitted he had been wrongly convicted. In fact, some evidence suggests the killing was done by a white man who had testified against McMillan. The apparent injustice of the prosecution of McMillan was highlighted on an episode of the television news program "60 Minutes." McMillan's attorney argued that he had been framed because of his relationships with white women.—BAY MINETTE, AL

South Africa makes steps to majority rule. Whites and blacks took a tentative but important step away from white minority rule and toward political democracy last weekend. Delegations from 26 political groups agreed on procedures for constitutional talks and committed themselves to reconvene within a month to tackle the more troublesome issues. Among the delegations were representatives from the racist white Conservative Party and the ultra-nationalist black Pan-Africanist Congress. Both groups had previously boycotted the talks. The African National Congress—the main black anti-apartheid group—labeled the talks "an unqualified success." However, the major issue of political power sharing between blacks and whites and among competing black groups will not come up until the meeting in April.—JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

Retrial begins in Florida brutality case. The long-delayed trial of Miami police officer William Lorenzo began last week in Tallahassee. Lorenzo is accused in the shooting deaths of two black motorists in 1989. The shooting prompted several days of rioting in the Miami area. It was the fear of renewed disturbances that forced the movement of the trial from Miami to Orlando to Tallahassee back to Orlando and then back to Tallahassee. Lorenzo was convicted of the deaths but won a re-trial following an appeal.—TALLAHASSEE, FL

The Power of a Sista: Black women and the black media

by Todd Burroughs

Unfortunately, there is not much written about nationally known radio and television broadcaster Alma John. What has been written serves as a beacon to others who wish to broadcast information that reflects a black perspective.

The "New York Amsterdam News," a black weekly in Harlem, wrote that John had three radio programs during her career: "What's Right with Teenagers" on WWR-AM, a black radio station in New York; "Our Society" on the flagship station of the National Black Network "Alma John Talks to Teens," carried by 102 stations nationwide; and "At Home with Alma John," which was heard by 18 stations across the nation. John

won the McColl's Golden Mike Award for her work with WWR.

John was also one of the scores of African Americans who hosted local black public affairs television shows in the post-civil rights era. Her show, carried on WPIX-TV, an independent station in New York, was called "Black Pride." John is unquestionably a pioneer for blacks in broadcasting.

David Lampel is a television broadcaster and an executive at Inner City Broadcasting Corp.—A Black-owned radio station group owned by Percy Sutton which includes WLJB-AM, a black newstalk radio station in New York. Lampel told the "Amsterdam News" that John pioneered the talk show concept.

Not only was John a broadcaster, but an activist who was heavily in-

volved with the Harlem community, particularly its youth.

Gil Noble, the host of "Like It Is,"—a long-running, New York, black, public affairs television show—once called John "The Queen Mother of black broadcasting."

"Whenever she spoke, Alma John would get the audience to hold hands and utter words about black unity,"

said Noble.

Dr. Vicky Gholson, a lifelong Harlem resident and media consultant, said John was part of a generation in Harlem that was busy working with and for the black community.

"They were there" for us, said Gholson, a former WLJB talk show host. "[John] was one of the people

who was taking care of business.

J. Zamgah Brown, an "Amsterdam News" reporter, wrote that John spent years "championing the cause of blacks and the poor in Harlem and other poverty-stricken areas across the nation."

Alma John died in 1986 in Harlem Hospital, where she had trained and worked as a nurse. She was 79.

Second African summit to be held in May

WASHINGTON, DC—Rev. Leon H. Sullivan has announced travel arrangements for the public interest in attending the Second African-American American Summit, scheduled for May 24-28 in Libreville, Gabon.

Rev. Sullivan said over 15 African heads of state, members of the U.S. Congress, corporate executives, representatives of African-American civil rights and other national organizations, educators, religious and labor leaders will be attending the Second African-American American Summit.

The summit will include workshops on business and economic development, education, health care, agriculture and food production, and other vital needs and concerns of Africa.

"Those African Americans with a deep interest in Africa and com-

mitted to expanding support for Africa in this country are welcome to participate in this critically important Summit," Rev. Sullivan said.

He said arrangements have been made for a chartered plane to depart New York's Kennedy Airport on May 22 and return after the Summit on May 29. Round-trip transportation and hotel accommodations for seven days, six nights (double occupancy) will cost \$1,995.

Those interested in making a reservation should call 1-800-353-3550. The deadline for reservations is April 2. The registration fee for the Summit is \$250.

Summit speakers will include Virginia Governor L. Douglas Wilder; U.S. Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown; Mrs. Coretta Scott King, president of the King Center; Rev. Jesse Jackson, president of the National Rainbow Coalition; Rev. Ben-

jamin Hooks, executive director of the NAACP; Rev. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and several members of the U.S. Congress.

Co-hosting the Summit is his excellency El Hadj Omar Bongo, president of the Republic of Gabon. Serving on the Summit Executive Committee are his excellency Felix Houphouët-Boigny, president of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire; his excellency Quett Masire, president of the Republic of Botswana; his excellency Dawda Kairaba Jawara, president of the Republic of The Gambia; his excellency Joao Bernardo Vieira, president of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau; and his excellency Mr. Charles Gomes, Ambassador of Cote d'Ivoire.

The first African-American Summit was held in 1991 in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire and attended by more than 2,000 people.

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EDITORIAL

Keeping the Watch

Last week in a meeting with President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, Mr. Gore reiterated to the Black publishers that Freedom's Journal chartered the course that is still followed today.

African Americans played a significant role in the election of the president. Consequently we see a President who is concerned about diversity. We also see African Americans participating in the building of national policy.

While it is easy to assume that progress just started. Many of us remember the gains of the sixties. We remember the outreach of the government and others to include the concerns of African Americans. However, we did not hold the memories of what we were willing to give. We forgot about Birmingham, Little Rock, Chicago, Watts, Harlem. We allowed ourselves to believe "the hype" that somehow African Americans had arrived because a few of us got to look through the crack in the wall. Most unfortunately, we did not pass on what the struggle was about to our children. While we have celebrated Black History year after year, we have failed to celebrate and prepare for a Black future that requires our children to be ever vigilant in their desires to seek justice and economic access.

During the euphoria with integration, we nearly forgot about the importance of an old friend, and a trumpet in the struggle of Black people—The Black Press.

With more than 25% of Black males being incarcerated, with astronomical school drop-out rates, with the high rate of homelessness, high rate of unwed mothers, the soaring drug abuse, murders and rapes, the Black Press is needed more than ever.

With our communities blasted and rocked by the scourge of high unemployment and poverty, too often we are blasted for our reaction to the problems by the major media while the factors that create the problem are ignored. It is the Black Press that has focused attention on the causes of the problem rather than the reaction to the problem. On a weekly basis in countless communities throughout our country images of struggle, hope, achievement and worth are reflected on the pages of the Black Press. Today the Black Press remains ever vigilant trumpeting the song of a people fighting to overcome injustice, telling the stories of struggle and victory.

City News Publishing Company is proud to be a part of the great legacy of the Black Press. We appreciate the many individuals, organizations, agencies and advertisers who help us to serve our community and carry on the watch.

And we proudly restate those faithful words of John Russwurm: "We wish to plead our own cause. Too long have others spoken for us." Freedom's Journal 1827

WASHINGTON, DC—From the President of the United States to local city and county councils across the country, America's Black Press is being recognized during the third week of March for its ongoing voice for freedom.

America's first black-oriented newspaper was called "Freedom's Journal," and was first published on March 16, 1827, by John Russwurm and Samuel Cornish in New York City. The purpose of the newspaper was to speak out against the existence of slavery and the overall condition of blacks in the American society of that period. One hundred sixty-six years later, it is still a voice that speaks for blacks and their condition in America.

From March 18th to the 20th, President Clinton, members of his administration, the Congressional Black Caucus and members of the majority media will help America's 210 black publishers honor the role that the Black Press has played in American life.

According to Morehouse College's "Maroon Tiger" publication, a collegiate journalist society, Delta Phi Delta, launched National Negro Newspaper Week in 1939 "to familiarize America with the accomplishments and possibilities of the Negro press—its history." Since that time, the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) has

taken up the "torch of freedom" banner each year to assure that a proper commemoration is held to honor America's first black publishers and the courageous pioneers of print who followed in the footsteps of Russwurm and Cornish.

"Black Press Week is when we honor and ask the public to take note of the outstanding works that black publishers did to create a better life for Black Americans," said Robert W. Bogle, president of the NNPA.

"It is our responsibility to let black youth, and the world, know that strong voices in history, such as W.E.B. DuBois, Marcus Garvey and Frederick Douglass, were publishers who used their presses to make a mighty impression on the world. We must always acknowledge the crusading editors who challenged the status quo, and we must illustrate that until racism is gone from the face of the planet we must develop new editors to combat it," stated Bogle.

The 210 members of the NNPA, who call themselves the Black Press of America, claim a role of community involvement and outreach among blacks that general community publications can not.

"We print the good news of blacks and paint a different picture of this community than the white dailies," says Frances Murphy, publisher of the 101-year-old "Washington Afro-American" newspaper.

"Where else can people go to find compre-

hensive listings of who was born, who was married, and the good works being done every day by our concerned and involved community groups. If you only read the (white-owned) daily papers in the nation's cities, you'd get a totally different picture of African American society, one that is misleading to say the least," stated Murphy.

Each year, a focal point of Black Press Week is the enshrinement of editors and publishers who are deceased. In addition to White House visitations, congressional briefings and the opening of their headquarters facility in Washington, the NNPA will honor Mildred D. Brown, former publisher of the "Omaha Star," who passed in 1989. The Moorland-Springarn Research Center at Howard University is a joint partner with the NNPA in the preservation of Black Press historical information. The Center maintains the original copies of "Freedom's Journal."

"What Americans of every color and stripe need to know is the profound influence of Black publishers who, over the years, and at times under great personal risk, contributed to the gradual dismantling of social, economic, and political barriers instituted against black people solely on the basis of their race," said Dr. Fred H. Black, director of the NNPA Foundation. Dr. Black is head of the group's fundraising and outreach efforts to educate Black youth about opportunities in journalism.

Health to America

Commentary by Carolyn L. Bennett, Ph.D.

We may not reasonably be expected to labor for the welfare of all people but—if we are to be a nation that is truly strong—we must labor for the physical, economic and social health of all people.

It is my hope that the new faces I see in Washington, laboring with the good people of the United States of America, will bring in a new Administration with an attitude toward health—an attitude that envisions it and works actively toward it in government first, and always, in the lives of the American people.

I believe that when the Constitution of the United States talks about promoting for the general welfare of the country and its people, it is not talking about managing sickness or managing crises with no comprehension of or consideration for the importance of attitude and its impact on what we do, our values and what we stand for, or how attitude and what we value impact the welfare of our country. When the founders drafted the Constitution they forced themselves time and again to see consequences that would be wrought by their words hundreds of years in the future. The time would come, the founders knew, when all Americans would vie for the same rights that "we ourselves enjoy today" so there had to be some elasticity and strong cement in the document—for the health of the country depended upon the health of the people and the health

of the people depended upon the health (stability, solidity) of the country.

We want our country to be a healthy country so every man, woman and child must be healthy in the major aspects of life. Health is not "coping" or the managing of disease. It is not alone the absence of disease. Health is the state of being that exists when a person feels content, fulfilled and, when necessary, in control of and satisfied with the control she (any person) exercises over major aspects of her personal life: physical, social, and economic aspects of her life. To be a healthy nation we must promote the physical, social and economic health of the people of the United States.

This means that the new Administration must tell the drug companies, physicians and drug research organizations that they will no longer build empires on people's suffering. Stop pushing Valium and other drugs that people don't need and stop withholding (pricing out of reach) drugs that people such as AIDS, heart and cancer patients desperately need. Let the insurance companies they will work only in the field in which they are trained. They will provide necessary services at rates that are affordable to all Americans. Assume them that all business practices will be monitored by Government agents who are knowledgeable, disinterested, and not themselves on the take.

Government and service agencies including health professions, insurance and drug companies, sellers and distributors at every level must

be made responsible for the wide dissemination of clear and truthful information about drugs and procedures to the public so that all persons are enabled to make the necessary control over their physical health. Those who are disabled must be empowered. Something must be done about social and institutional environments that promote, or do nothing to relieve, mental and emotional disorder, homelessness, alcoholism, prison recidivism.

An attitude toward health in persons and nation pays attention to relations and interrelationships and inclusiveness among people, all kinds of people in all kinds of situations—in school, in work, in government (local and beyond), in housing developments, in places of gathering and worship. Patterns of living: of segregation (and integration), of alienation? Of waste and of want? An attitude toward health of person and nation pays attention to little apartheid "homelands" of ethnic and racial groups (whether school or community or work or play) and urges the nation to come together in all things. One nation promoting the general welfare. Social health of person and nation depends upon a decent education for all people in an environment rich with resources and people representing many cultures, backgrounds, races, colors and world views.

An attitude toward health in person and nation must pay attention not only to physical and social health, it must attend to economic health. Health that acknowledges, draws out and respects the dignity of a human being for no other reason than that she is a human being.

Economic health, like all health, has to do with a personal feeling of being in control of one's life: in control of needs and the means of fulfilling one's needs, as well as a reasonable portion of one's desires. The United States promises the general welfare in the area of economic health by ensuring not only that all people survive, but that they are en-

abled to live with dignity and with reasonable economic self-sufficiency. Ensuring that welfare (the *deceit*) is not a way of life because there is clearly a more viable way of living: not through working poor for a lifetime or working at less than minimum wage or in factories of abuse or places where nothing experienced could ever be mistaken for fulfillment or even useful skill.

A nation healthy economically is one in which there is continuous training and retraining and cross training; where ideas and advancement are encouraged. Economic health occurs when labor and management stop victimizing workers, then placing them with the establishment and reinforcement of mediocrity as America's standard of work — and unhappiness, underachievement and underadvancement as the chronic condition of America's workers.

An attitude toward health requires changed attitudes in management and labor. Work must be valued and more must be expected of worker and management. The one must not be made to suffer boredom and abuse, low rank and low wages while the other, equally ineffective and incompetent, gorges itself on high wages and waste. America must not continue to be ill served by management and labor. There must be an attitude of concern for the health of the nation — its physical, economic and social health.

To be a healthy people and nation we not only need government and other sectors to look like America, we need social relations, work, health care, as well government to be counseled by many colors — counseled toward understanding what it does not understand because of limited experience. America needs working people laboring together to promote the health of America.

Dr. Carolyn L. Bennett is a writer and former educator who lives in Northern Virginia.

Bill A-1855: The battle against lead poisoning continues

Dear Editor:

On March 1, the General Assembly failed to pass a bill that is of great concern to families throughout our state.

The bill (A-1855), which I sponsor, would prohibit the retail sale of lead solder for use in plumbing. I also require the labeling of lead solder or flux offered for sale to advise the purchaser that solder or flux containing lead cannot be used in plumbing.

I introduced this bill to expand upon what the federal government is already doing to stop lead contamination of our drinking water. While the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has moved to abate lead pipes and solder in drinking water systems by working with water supply authorities and licensed plumbers, it has not attempted to deal with do-it-yourself projects or with consumer education regarding the ban. This bill would fill that void without any additional cost to government or consumers.

What was alarming in the defeat of A-1855 was the widespread Republican opposition to the bill. Thirty-five Republican lawmakers failed to vote either way on this bill, and another eight voted in the negative. Even though thousands of New Jersey children are at risk from lead in the environment, Republican lawmakers apparently feel that it isn't worth their time or effort to ameliorate the situation.

More alarming is the fact that Republicans are blocking other bills that attempt to eradicate the lead threat to our children.

My hope is that you will inform your readers about the vote of their elected representatives and encourage these readers to contact their legislators. It is a sad day in New Jersey when lawmakers cannot respond to real threats to our children and our environment.

Assemblyman Bob Smith
(Democratic, District 17)

Quote of the Week

"The problems of urban America aren't going to be solved by federal programs. But they won't be addressed without federal help. It is our responsibility as a society to make it possible for people to help themselves; and that's what this initiative does..."

— New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley

The Black Press of America has served as the recorders of our history, defenders of justice and a catalyst for change.

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YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS

Arts High students win 1993 Sony Innovators Awards

Youth Calendar

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

EAST ORANGE—The following films can be seen at the Main Library at 11 a.m.: "Ferdinand The Bull," "Little Toot, Dog Watch," "Double Dribble," and "Pinto's Surprise." For more information call 201-266-5600.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

NATIONWIDE—YMCA's across the country will hold a national YMCA Healthy Kids Day. The day is designed with both activities for children alone and projects for the whole family. For more information call your local YMCA.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

EAST ORANGE—A film, "Avin Alley/Memories & Visions," will be presented at the Main Library at 3:45 p.m. For more information call 201-266-5600.

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Music group "Imani Rose" from Newark's Arts High School and film/video artists "Need to Know Productions" were named 1993 Sony Student Innovators during the Fifth Annual Sony Innovators Awards Ceremony, recently held in New York City.

The Sony Student Innovators Awards Program is a prestigious competition recognizing African-American achievement in music and film/video among high school students in participating Newark and Chicago schools. Students competed in eight categories—rap, classical, R&B, gospel and jazz music, and features, public service/documentary and animation film/video—for the chance to win industry recognition, a trip to New York City, a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond, a beautiful plaque and a special Sony gift.

Members of Imani Rose were recognized for their R&B performance. The group consists of 17-year-olds Wilma Julmiste, Arditia Lauror, Blandina Jean, Mariana Giles, Stephanie Jones, Lekiba Newton, and 16-year-olds Yonnique McDonald and Stephanie Jones.

Need To Know Productions, created by 18-year-old Felicia Walker, also from Arts High, received the Sony Innovators Award for a documentary/PSA on "Date Rape." Walker produced, directed, wrote and performed in the winning video.

"All our work and patience have finally paid off," said Lekiba Newton. "Imani Rose following the gala ceremony held during Black History Month." "We thank God for bringing us this far."

"I am very proud and excited to be a Sony Student Innovator," added film maker Walker.

Singer Nancy Wilson and actor Louis Gossett, Jr., co-hosts for the gala awards ceremony, presented Imani Rose and Need to Know Productions with their awards before an audience of business and entertainment industry leaders, musical and film artists, and media representatives. In addition to serving as co-hosts, Ms. Wilson and Mr. Gossett also were the program's distinguished 1993 Master Innovators.

Annually, Sony selects two respected and distinguished entertainers as Master Innovators for the Sony Innovators Awards Program because of their long-



Arts High School students and members of the group "Imani Rose," (l-r) Arditia Lauror, Mariana Giles, Stephanie Jones, Blandina Jean, Lekiba Newton, Wilma Julmiste and Yonnique McDonald, pose with entertainer Nancy Wilson at the Fifth Sony Innovators Awards Ceremony held recently in New York. Imani Rose was selected grand prize winner in the R&B category of the program.

standing contributions and dedication to the film/video and music art forms.

"This is an incredibly exciting program for both our student winners and Sony," said Jeffrey Brooks, senior vice president of Corporate Advertising.

"We hope that this award is a significant boost for students aspiring to a career in music or film/video. Sony is proud to have played a role in the winners' development as artists."

The Fifth Sony Innovators Awards Ceremony was held on February 22 at Alice Tully Hall in Lincoln Center, and featured performances by Ms. Wilson and singer/dancer Milton Craig Neely of the award-winning Broadway play "Five Guys Named Moe."

Annual mother/daughter, father/son contest

NEWARK—Heaven and Earth Productions announces its annual mother/daughter, father/son contest. Winners will receive over \$2,000 in cash and prizes.

Contestants are asked to submit a photograph of the family duo, along with each member's age, height, weight, community service, activities, talents, and a small statement on the importance of the relationship. Finalists will be selected on May 31

and invited to participate in a show that will display their likeness and talent.

To enter send the picture, requested information and a \$20 entry fee to: Heaven and Earth Productions, 2 Federal Square, Box 854, Newark, NJ 07101-0854. Attn: Contest. Interested persons may also call 201-624-2723, after 3 p.m.

Anyone, except employees of Heaven and Earth Productions and their families, may enter.



Arts High School student Felicia Walker poses with actor Louis Gossett, Jr. at the Sony Innovators Awards Program. Felicia was selected a grand prize winner in the Documentary/PSA category of the program.

YMCA's second nationwide 'Healthy Kids Day'

EAST ORANGE—At least half of all elementary school children are already at risk of developing heart disease because of obesity, elevated blood cholesterol, or high blood pressure, according to YMCA officials.

Only 32 percent of children ages 6 to 17 could meet the minimum standards of a test for cardiovascular endurance, flexibility, and abdominal and upper-body strength, YMCA's across the country will address this problem by holding a national YMCA Healthy Kids Day on March 27.

Kids and their families will have a chance to take part in games and fun hands-on activities that will teach valuable lessons about health, nutrition, substance abuse, and physical fitness.

Healthy Kids Day is designed with both activities for children alone and projects for the whole family. The goal

for the day is to give families an opportunity to strengthen their relationships with each other, have fun together and adopt a healthier lifestyle.

The East Orange YMCA invites youngsters to participate in its "Healthy Kids Day" celebration on March 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the YMCA, located at 100 N. Arlington Avenue.

For more information call 201-673-5588.

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Area YMCA invites youngsters 5 to 13 years of age to their "Healthy Kid's Day Fair" on March 27, from noon to 5 p.m., at the YMCA, located at 518 Westburg Avenue.

YMCA Youth Program Director Daphne Evans urges youngsters to bring bathing suits and towels so they can take part in games in the pool and sneakers for activities in the gym.

Evans said she hopes parents will stay with their children that afternoon to take advantage of the information available from various organizations and agencies.

Pizza Hut will provide pizza, and youngsters can participate in puzzles and games as well as gym and pool activities.

For more information contact Daphne Evans at the Plainfield Area YMCA at 908-756-6060.

NEWARK—As a community service, the Newark YMCA, located at 600 Broad Street, is sponsoring a host of healthy events during Health & Fitness Month in March.

One of the events that the Y will host is Healthy Kids Day, on March 27. According to Newark's Physical Director, William T. Atkins, Healthy Kids Day will be fun, informative and educational for the whole family.

In addition to a variety of fun-filled recreational activities and exhibitions, Healthy Kids Day will provide important health screenings to the youth of the City.

For more information, call 201-624-8900.

Date set for 4-H camp

WESTFIELD—Hey kids, plan now to attend Union County 4-H Camp from August 16 to 20, 1993.

4-H Camp is a sleep away camp located in Beersville, New Jersey. The rural setting of Sussex County is the backdrop for swimming, hiking, nature studies, horseback riding, arts and crafts and other activities. Boys and girls ages 9 to 12 are welcome to attend. The cost for all meals, lodging, and round trip transportation is \$140.

Youth ages 12 to 15 may apply to attend as counselors-in-training at the same cost. Adults 16 and over can come to camp free, if they qualify to be counselors.

For more information, call the 4-H Office at 908-654-9854. Camp space is limited and is filled on a first come, first served basis.

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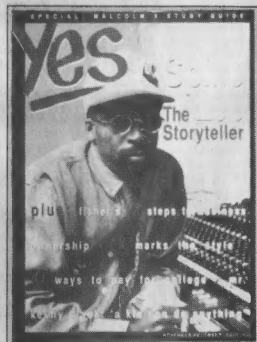


During International Week at Morristown-Beard School, junior Veronica Bazile displayed articles from her native Haiti and spoke about the culture of her country. She is the daughter of Pierre Bazile of Newark.

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NOW thru MARCH 29

SUMMIT—The Concord singers need male voices for chorus and solos to rehearse for a spring performance at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church. No auditions are necessary, except for solos. For more information call 908-273-9877.

NOW thru MARCH 31

NEWARK—Trinity and St. Philip's Cathedral will observe the season of Lent with a series of programs to be held every Wednesday at the cathedral. For more information call 201-622-3505.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

NEWARK—A public forum focusing on the types of service to be provided by a Teen Service Center at St. James A.M.E. Church at 9 a.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

EAST ORANGE—A Community Health Fair will administer free blood pressure and glucose screenings and provide information on AIDS Awareness, Cancer, Dental Care, Diabetes, Red Cross, and Ob/Gyn (Family Planning) at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 11 Ashland Ave. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

THURSDAY—The Mothers' Center of Central New Jersey will conduct a sale of excellent condition, used maternity and children's spring and summer clothing for 3 days at The Crested Avenue Presbyterian Church from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information call 908-561-1751.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

NEW YORK—A mixed-media concert to benefit "God's Love We Deliver" will feature blues pop singer Robert Leach and vocal artist Chris Chin. Tickets: Wings Theatre, 154 Christopher St. For info call 718-788-4951.

Essex County Birthright opens satellite office in Newark

NEWARK—Birthright of Essex County, an emergency pregnancy service, is proud to announce the opening of a satellite office in Newark at the Hotel Riviera, 169 Clinton Avenue.

The office, which opened on January 18, is located on the 8th floor of the Hotel. The Newark Birthright office hours are Monday and Tuesday, 1-3 p.m. The office can be reached by calling 201-643-0833 or 800-848-LOVE.

Birthright of Essex County has been serving women who find themselves unexpectedly pregnant since 1971. Since then, over 18,000 women from Essex and Union counties have been provided with some form of support, ranging from shelter to maternity clothes, free pregnancy tests and doctor referrals.

Birthright is staffed by trained volunteers and operates on financial donations by individuals and organizations. Birthright is independent, nonpolitical, nonsectarian and helps women regardless of marital status, age, race or religion. All services are free and confidential.

If you would like to know more about Birthright or would like to volunteer your time, please call 201-743-2061, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Plainfield Health Center makes plans for 'Building a Healthier Tomorrow'

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Health Center, the community-based, primary healthcare facility serving Central Jersey for 24 years, announces both the launch of its first capital campaign and the acquisition of land for construction of a new health facility.

"The capital campaign will provide the Center with the funds required to meet the community's increasing demand for quality, accessible and affordable healthcare," states Julanne Miller, Executive Director for the Center.

Building a Healthier Tomorrow, the theme

for the capital campaign, will raise \$6 million over the next four years through federal and municipal funding, donations from private organizations and foundations, and contributions from community members. Funds from the campaign will be used to build and equip a more than 32,000 square foot, state-of-the-art healthcare facility, which will consolidate all of the Center's services under one roof.

The National Starch and Chemical Company, headquartered in Bridgewater, has offered the Center three to four acres of land for its new site. The proposed site for the new

facility is at the intersection of Rock and Myrtle Avenues in Plainfield, making it centrally located with easy access for the surrounding communities.

Currently, Plainfield Health Center provides services at two locations — the main site on West Fourth Street and the satellite site on Park Avenue — which together offer only slightly more than 10,000 square feet of space. In 1992, the Center, which serves as the major provider of ambulatory primary care to residents of Plainfield and the surrounding communities, handled more than 61,000 medical and

other health services visits. By the year 2000, the population of the Center's service area is expected to rise substantially and estimates indicate that the number of patient visits to the Center will increase dramatically.

"The financial resources generated through Building a Healthier Tomorrow will be used to expand and enhance the Center's existing services," said Ronald West, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Center. "These funds will allow us to construct a much larger, better-engineered healthcare facility, designed with state-of-the-art systems and equipment."

PPEC supports 'Freedom of Access'

NEWARK—Planned Parenthood Essex County (PPEC) joined with other Planned Parenthood affiliates nationwide to mourn the death of Dr. David Gunn on March 12.

In a heinous act of murder, Dr. Gunn or Gunt, as he is known, was shot in the Women's Medical Center in Pensacola, Florida by an anti-choice pro-life activist, Michael Griffin. Dr. Gunn was shot in the back three times.

To preclude such tragedies in the future, PPEC feels that it is incumbent upon Congress to pass HR 796, the "Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act of 1993." The legislation would make it a federal offense to prevent or restrict access to a facility from obtaining reproductive health services by intentionally and physically obstructing that person's free passage in and out of the clinic.

Anyone not abiding by this rule could be issued a fine and face up to one year in prison for a first offense and up to three years for repeat offenses. Also, civil suits against offenders could be sought by patients, medical staff, medical facility owners and owners of the buildings for damages of pain, suffering and emotional distress.

According to PPEC, this tragedy

is the most obscene act yet in a continually escalating war of terror and intimidation directed at reproductive health clinics throughout the country. They say that death threats, arson, chemical warfare and drive-by shootings, medical facility bombings and owners of the buildings for damages of pain, suffering and emotional distress.

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Preliminary tests of contaminant cleanup system at Ironbound pool site encouraging

NEWARK—Initial findings of tests being conducted at the site of a proposed Ironbound Recreation Center to clean up contaminated groundwater are "encouraging," Newark Engineering Director Alvin L. Zach said.

The tests are being monitored by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy (NJDEP) and are pilot studies of a system designed to recover heavier-than-water contaminants that are present beneath the site of the planned Ironbound Pool.

"If the test system demonstrates that the contaminants can be moved effectively and safely, the door will open to construction of the pool," Zach said.

According to Zach, the test system runs 24 hours a day for another month. The City and the NJDEP will then evaluate the test system, and the City will make any necessary adjustments to the final design and begin construction of the pool.

"The future of the contamination at this site is very complex and the techniques we are testing to clean up the site represent the cutting edge of science

and technology," Zach explained. "In fact, the NJDEP is closely watching these tests to see whether our cleanup approach might work at other sites in New Jersey."

In the meantime, Zach said the pool's original plans have been completely revised to make it an above-ground indoor pool.

The test system was designed by the City of Newark's environmental consultant, Dresdner Robin Environmental Management, Inc., and was paid for by the Hoectel Companies Corporation.

Newark supports National Office Paper Recycling Project

NEWARK—Mayor Sharpe James has announced that the City of Newark has joined 150 employers from across the nation to support the National Office Paper Recycling Project's Challenge to triple office paper recycling by 1995.

A partnership of two leading corporations and four local government associations, the National Office Paper Recycling Project has asked employers to establish aggressive waste paper recycling programs and to close the recycling loop by purchasing recycled paper products.

"The object of the Challenge program is to convince governments and corporations to lead by example," said James. "Since the City of Newark has encouraged other municipalities around the world to 'Think Globally and Act Locally,' and has backed up that slogan by recycling 50 percent of our waste while passing laws to protect the ecology, it is only fitting that the City join the National Office Paper Recycling Project's Challenge program."

In the past several years, the City of Newark has passed ordinances requiring that frozen and other frozen products be recycled, that retail food establishments use only recyclable packaging and that City agencies purchase only recycled products whenever possible.

According to Newark Engineer-

ing Director Alvin L. Zach, the City spends half of its paper budget on recycled products and sponsors business seminars to promote recycling in offices and retail food establishments. The City's goal is to recycle 75 percent of its waste paper.

In addition to the City of Newark, more than 50 corporations, 32 counties, 26 municipalities, four pub-

lic organizations and three states have joined the National Office Paper Project Challenge, Zach said.

For more information about the Challenge, contact the National Office Paper Recycling Project at the United States Conference of Mayors, 1620 Eye Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20006, or call the Challenge program, 202-223-3089.

'Food First Sunday' at Crescent Ave. Presbyterian Church

PLAINFIELD—As many as 30 to 40 hungry people show up each week on Monday mornings at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church for emergency food. Men and women of all ages, and children are included.

The number seeking help has increased during the coldest days this winter. Small bags, containing single servings of food—meat, juice, cereal, fruit, crackers—that can be eaten without further preparation, are given out.

The increased needs have so taxed the Emergency Food Pantry that the church has established first Sunday of every month as "Food Sunday." The church has asked members and friends to bring food to church on those days.

Friends in the community who wish to help bring single serving (self-opening) cans of meat, fruit, soups, cereal, ravioli, spaghetti, lasagna, cereal, juice, raisins, and instant packages of crackers and cheese or peanut butter, cookies, and instant noodle meals, to the church office, 716 Watchung Ave., during the week.

Since shopping for this type of food may be difficult for some, contributions for their purchase are also welcome.

The Rev. William R. Harvey, pastor of Crescent Avenue Church, said, "The church is open for emergency food bags from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, as long as there are supplies in the pantry."

Urban rebuilding program

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The problems of urban America aren't going to be solved by federal programs. But they won't be addressed without federal help. It is our responsibility as a society to make it possible for people to help themselves; and that's what this initiative does," Sen. Bradley said.

There have been approximately 260 programs identified that might qualify for funding under Bradley's package.

The eight bills that make up the package are: Neighborhood Reconstruction Corps Act of 1993 authorizes \$500 million in matching funds for non-profit community development corporations; and for-profit businesses in economically distressed central cities to build, remodel, restore or enhance public infrastructure. The funds must be used to hire cores of disadvantaged workers in the areas in which the projects are conducted.

Community Capital Partnership Act of 1993 authorizes approximately \$475.3 million in federal assistance over four years for community development banks; community development loan funds; community development credit unions; and community development financial institutions that are not yet banks to make the transition and help current community development banks expand services and lending.

Entrepreneurial and Self-Employment Training Assistance Act of 1993 authorizes \$85 million in grants for community colleges and community development corporations in economically distressed central cities to develop an entrepreneurship curriculum and train urban residents for self-employment.

Community Policing Assistance Act of 1993 au-

thorizes \$200 million in matching funds for local law enforcement and community groups to support community policing activities in economically distressed central cities.

Assets for Independence Act of 1993 authorizes up to \$200 million of individual development accounts to help match money saved by poor people in accounts designated for home purchase, a very small business, education or retirement.

Mobility for Work Act of 1993 authorizes \$15 million in grants to local governments, non-profits or transit agencies to help disadvantaged urban workers get to suburban labor markets where jobs are available. 15-Month Houses—authorizes up to \$250 million to establish residential programs for low-income and young mothers during the most important fifteen months for a child. The program provides the mother with health and substance abuse screening or treatment and education in parenting.

Community Schools—authorizes \$15 million to open public schools after hours and on weekends for programs that community groups develop for young people.

"This initiative gives these local programs a national test, so we can see what works and what doesn't. The cost of the program is \$1.44 billion per year—slightly more than the cost of four days of rioting in south central Los Angeles last April," Sen. Bradley said. "The question isn't whether we can afford to spend this money in our cities, but whether we can afford not to. Earlier this week the administration said we had no choice but to spend \$45 billion more dollars to clean up the S&L's. Do we have any less choice in our cities, for \$43.5 billion dollars fewer?"

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international union president."

Since the letter writing campaign began, an anonymous flyer—which Robinson said is typical of the kind of intimidation and racism which is encountered regularly by black employees of the Highway Authority—was posted throughout the Woodbridge headquarters of the New Jersey Highway Authority as well as at toll plazas

and maintenance yards along the Garden State Parkway.

The flyer reads: "NON-LEGACY MEMBERS PROTEST YOUR RIGHTS in the workplace. Organize YOUR 'Insuring the Value of Our Rights Yearly.' The Parkway Family is no more!!!!!! Display a WHITE Ribbon to show your support and vote UNION."

"Legacy," the Highway Authority's minority employees' orga-

Partnership Against Illiteracy announces info center

NEWARK—A "Literacy Hotline" will provide information on all literacy programs in the greater Newark/Essex County area was announced this week by the Partnership Against Illiteracy. The telephone number for the service is 201-622-READ (7323).

The Literacy Information Center was "created to help provide one stop information for all those seeking assistance in literacy programs," said Samuel M. Convisor, President of the Partnership Against Illiteracy. "With the growing numbers of organizations and agencies now providing literacy services it is important that those seeking assistance be helped through a single information source."

Convisor said that the Center will research and collect data from as many literacy provider agencies as possible and make that information available to callers. The Center will also provide assistance to those who call wishing to volunteer in literacy programs.

The Literacy Information Center is funded in part through a grant from the Prudential Foundation. "We are most appreciative of their support and recognition of this need in the community," Convisor said.

Those interested in the literacy programs and wish more information on the programs in the Essex County area should call, the Literacy Information Hotline at 201-622-READ.

Commissioners should look like America too

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"Legacy," the Highway Authority's minority employees' orga-

nization, was formed in 1992 as a direct result of the social ferment at the Authority over the past few years. According to Robinson, Legacy "represents the potential to effect some significant positive change within an agency for which such change is at least 20 years overdue."

Robinson urged everyone to write to the governor. He said that he and the

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NOW THRU MARCH

NEWARK—A traveling photographic exhibit, "The Afro-American Presence in Medicine, 1850-1930," will open at the LINCOLN George F. Smith Library of the Health Sciences, 12th Avenue. The library is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

NOW THRU MARCH 28

NEW YORK—The Dance Theatre of Harlem will perform at Lincoln Center. For ticket information call 212-672-5570.

NOW THRU MARCH 31

EDISON—A collection of prints, photographs, and sculpture entitled "Bodies, Bodies, All That Jazz" will be on display at the Twin Tower-Metro Park. For more information call 908-254-7611.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

NEW YORK CITY—"The Song of Jacob Zulu" by Tug Young, featuring South Africa's Grammy Award-winning Ladysmith Black Mambazo, will open at The Plymouth Theatre. The play is based on a true story of a young black South African man caught between his love of family and faith, and his thirst for freedom at any cost.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

WESTBURY, NY—"The Evening of Love Songs" concert series will present The Dells, Jerry Butler and The Impressions at Westbury Music Fair at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25. For tickets or information call 516-334-0800.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

NEW YORK CITY—"Performers and Spectators" a paintings exhibit by Jessica Dreyfuss will open with a reception from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Art Insights Gallery, 161 W. 72nd St. For more information call 212-724-3715.

BROOKLYN, NYC—"The New York premiere of 'Drastic Cuts' will be held at the Majestic Theatre, 651 Fulton St. For more information call 718-787-2099.

MONDAY, MARCH 29

HARLEM, NY—Abbey Lincoln and female quintet, Straight Ahead will perform at The Langston Hughes Auditorium of the Schomburg Center at 7:00 p.m. For tickets call 212-491-8208.

NOW THRU APRIL 8

EAST HANOVER—"Maximum Impact," an exhibit of large-scale artwork by over 40 members of Salute to Women in the Arts, will be on display at the Nabisco Gallery. It is free to the public and open from noon to 4 p.m.

African Heritage Movie Network launched

Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee host the 'Movie of the Month' series

NEW YORK—A dynamic new company is about to launch an exciting era of innovative television programming by and for African-Americans.

The African Heritage Movie Network (AHN) quietly made history last month when it successfully created and began broadcasting its "Movie of the Month" series, the first ever feature film package for television with an all-African-American focus.

The series is hosted by television, stage and movie stars Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, who will discuss, analyze and provide background information on the movies and performers throughout the broadcast.

"We're going to present the best of African-American actors, producers, writers and stars in the 'Movie of the Month' series," says Davis in the debut segment.

"And we're excited about it," adds Dee.

"Of all the various art forms," explains Davis, "film is the most exciting and expressive. African-Americans have and will continue to play a vital role in the presentation of this vital art form."

Davis and Dee are considered one of the entertainment industry's most well-known and enduring couples. Their film careers collectively have spanned six decades, from a time when there were few significant roles for African-Americans to the current renaissance in African-American film making.

AHN's debut movie, "The Final Comedown," was broadcast by over 70 stations across the country. Now, with the 1954 film classic about the Harlem Globetrotters, "Go, Man, Go!," airing on AHN's rapidly-growing affiliate station network, the company is ready to propel itself into territory no others in the industry have charted before.

Company founder Frank Mercado-Valdes, one of the most successful and innovative young pro-

ducers in the industry, established AHN to highlight and promote the history and culture of African-Americans through television.

Mercado-Valdes, who also created the syndicated television sensation "S.T.O.M.P.I."—a national step show competition between African-

television, especially in light of the current explosion of African-American films at the box office.

"AHN will become a primary outlet for African-American film making talent both on and off the screen," he says, "because one of our primary goals is to focus on the achievements and contributions of African-Americans in this industry."

"The 'Movie of the Month' series is the vehicle that will allow us to do that," Mercado-Valdes explains. "We are going to educate and enlighten, as well as entertain. And we're especially excited to have Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, who are movie legends themselves, hosting the series."

The "Movie of the Month" series is comprised of a carefully selected cross-section of films intended to show the tremendous variety of movies starring, or that were made by African-Americans since movie-making began.

Featured in the 1993 line-up are such films as the classic "Carmen Jones," popular modern films such as the five-time-Oscar-nominated "Lady Sing the Blues" the Academy Award-winning "Shaft," and the comedy hit "Adios Amigos." The list of stars featured includes Sidney Poitier, Billy Dee Williams, Richard Pryor, Diana Ross, Harry Belafonte, and Dorothy Dandridge.

Mercado-Valdes believes that it is the diversity of the movies and stars in the line-up that gives the "Movie of the Month" series its strength.

"When I started this venture,

even I had no idea of the depth and variety of material that would be available to us," he says. "The 1993 line-up is strong, but the 1994 line-up is going to be tremendous. Once people know we're on the air, we're going to get viewers that will stay with us month after month, year after year."

AHN is already negotiating with some of the top names in the industry for the rights to produce first run movies from original scripts. One of the company's goals is to go into production on a made-for-television feature film by mid-1994 that will feature the best of African-American acting and filmmaking talent.



Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis

American fraternities and sororities — and the highly-respected Miss Collegiate African-American Pageant, is enthusiastic about the new project.

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BRIDGEWATER—The New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners will present "Start Right! Build Right!" an entrepreneurial training program designed to help women determine their business strengths and weaknesses, learn the basics of finance and marketing and how to access capital. For more information contact Harriet Nazarete at 908-707-0175.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

WAYNE—The Multicultural Interactive Preparing Teachers for the 21st Century, a conference to incorporate multicultural education in the schools, featuring Dr. Mollie Kote Asant, will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom at William Paterson College. All New Jersey teachers are invited. Costs are \$30. The day will include workshops and lunch.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

TRENTON—Mercer County Community College's Small Business Development Center will hold a workshop entitled "Thinking About Going Into Business: Pre-Business Workshop," covering planning factors such as establishing a legal structure, accounting and bookkeeping strategies, insurance considerations, business planning, financing, and marketing. Pre-registration is requested, call 908-985-9446 for information.

TEANECK—Minority and women business owners, as well as entrepreneurs, are invited to a free seminar on how to bid for contracts in Teaneck. The program will be held at Teaneck Public Library from 9 a.m. to noon. To register call 201-837-4812.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

PISCATAWAY—"Marketing Yourself," a one day workshop, sponsored by The Rutgers Graduate School of Education Alumni Association from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Rutgers Busch Campus Center. For more information call 908-932-7165.

NEW YORK—All black writers should submit resumes for consideration for the second edition of The Directory of African American Stage, Television & Screen Writers. Listings are free. Mail to Brain Keith Moody Management, GPO Box 7995, New York, New York 10116. For more info call 212-969-8537.

MONTCLAIR—Elmly award-winning, ABC News political and media analyst, Jeff Greenfield, a regular correspondent and guest anchor on "Nightline," will lecture on "Politics and Media in the Monitorial State's Student Center Ballroom at 6 p.m. For more information call Dr. William Berlin at 201-859-7576.

Businesses must pitch in to win war against drugs

Commentary by Donald L. McCambridge, SPHR

Drug abuse is a national catastrophe, destroying lives and sapping our precious resources. If we, as a nation, are really serious about winning the war against drugs, then all segments of our society must join hands. There's no room on the bench for anyone.

The business community has a special role to play in this battle because it is losing so much every day to the effects of drug abuse. The national statistics are staggering. According to figures compiled by the United States Chamber of Commerce:

- Seventy percent of all drug abusers are employed.
- Twenty-three percent of all U.S. workers use dangerous drugs while on the job.
- Sixty-five percent of those entering the full-time workforce have

had experience with illegal drugs; 44 percent in the year previous to employment.

And who is on the job drug user? Ho or she is:

- 2.2 times more likely to request early dismissal or time off.
- 2.5 times more likely to have absences of eight days or more.
- 3 times more likely to be laid off.
- 3.6 times more likely to be injured or injure another person in the workplace.
- 5 times more likely to be involved in an off-the-job accident.
- 5 times more likely to file a workers' compensation claim.

According to which factors you include, the cost of drug abuse to the business community can be as high as \$150 billion per year. That's ten times the yearly budget for the entire state of New Jersey. And drug abuse, of course, is also driving up the cost of healthcare — both in the health

insurance and workers' compensation areas — a factor that is seriously impacting every business's balance sheet and creating a national crisis.

These figures can give us an idea of the extent of the drug problem in New Jersey's workplaces, but it is only an idea. No comprehensive studies have been done for some time. But that is one of the goals of The Governor's Council for a Drug Free Workplace, Inc.

The Council, which was formed last year by the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce thanks to a \$200,000 grant from the state Department of Health, is a public-private partnership committed to eliminating drug abuse in the state's factories and offices. New Jersey was selected as one of only thirteen "targeted units" throughout the country to develop such a program. Eventually, there will be an expansion of the effort nationwide based upon the program's successes as tested in these

thirteen units:

The goals of the Governor's Council are simple and direct:

- To collect and analyze — for the first time — data, policies and procedures related to drug use in New Jersey workplaces and the need for anti-drug programs for small-to-mid-sized businesses.
- To build support for the program among major New Jersey employers and to encourage them to share their policies, programs and resources with smaller businesses as well as business associations.
- To encourage every business in New Jersey to institute a written drug policy, employee education and awareness programs, management and supervisory training programs, an employee assistance program, and drug-testing programs.
- To provide guidance on the legality and economic feasibility of all phases of a drug-free workplace program.

This sort of effort has never been

attempted before on such a scale in New Jersey. The ultimate goal of the Council is to have every business in the state — whatever the size — involved in some aspect of a drug-free workplace program.

Over the next weeks and months, the Council will be reaching out to all New Jersey businesses through local chambers of commerce as well as associations to ask for their support and their commitment to this effort. We'll be developing resource materials as well as a "support network" for those businesses to plug into.

Simply enumerating these goals is easy. Achieving them will take every measure of energy and commitment we can muster — not only from state government, but from every business owner and employee as well.

Donald L. McCambridge, SPHR, is secretary and executive director of The Governor's Council for a Drug Free Workplace, Inc.

Chamber invites Japanese to seminar

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"I'd definitely have to say that the fact that the seminar was geared to meeting Japanese businessmen was why I attended, but quite frankly I really didn't

expect many of them to come," explained JoAnne Kent, owner of Diamine, which markets nutritional products.

"But I also wanted to meet other African-Americans and I did, so I don't consider the time a waste."

Five tips to help market your business to the Japanese

Information, information, information.

That's what Wilbert Murdock, president of Mofotronics For Science Inc., a New York bioengineering firm, says that African-American entrepreneurs need to have in order to market to Japanese managers. "African-Americans have to study the Japanese. They have to do their homework before they approach them if they are going to be successful," explains Murdock.

Murdock, fresh from a two-

week visit to Japan, says it took nearly a year to close a lucrative deal he and his partners negotiated with Japanese electronics giant Matsushita.

1) Before you rush to send out sales letters, realize Japanese business practices differ sharply from American methods.

2) Begin first by writing down everything you know about the Japanese companies you'd like to do business with. Then draft questions on any missing links.

3) Try and communicate with your prospective Japanese client's

native language. Seek out Japanese friends or neighbors or students studying at a local university to help learn basic greetings and business jargon. Translate personal sales letter into Japanese.

4) Locate Japanese non-profit organizations and/or American consulting firms with good track records who help entrepreneurs market to the Japanese.

5) Review your strategy and make sure you're totally prepared.

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LEGAL NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS LONG BRANCH HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH

The Long Branch Housing Authority will receive sealed bids to furnish LEAD BASE PAINT TESTING AND REPAIR SERVICES IN 161 UNITS OF THE APARTMENTS AT GARFIELD COURT, GRANT COURT AND WOODROW WILSON HOMES APARTMENTS.

Sealed bids for this work will be received by the Authority at Administration Building, Garfield Court, Long Branch, N.J., until 10:00 am prevailing time, on April 6, 1993, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name of BIDDER and marked "Bids for Lead Based Paint Testing".

The bid documents may be examined and obtained at the offices of the Housing Authority, Administration Building, Garfield Court, Long Branch, NJ and copies shall be made through The Administration Office, 908-222-2747.

The Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975 Chapter 127 (Affirmative Action), P.L. 1977 Chapter 38 (Disclosure).

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

3/24/93 DAVID BROWN
ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Housing Authority of the Town of Morristown hereinafter called the Authority, in the County of Morris State of New Jersey, at the offices of the Housing Authority of the Town of Morristown, 31 Early Street, Morristown, New Jersey, on Monday, March 25, 1993 at 11:00 a.m. prevailing time. All bids must be sealed and read aloud at that time for LANDSCAPING AND GROUND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, PHASE I, for a complete contract. The Authority reserves the right to waive any informality in bids and to reject any and all bids if it is in the best interest of the Authority to do so.

Bids shall be accompanied by a certified check or Bid Bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid, not to exceed \$200,000.

The Contract Documents are on file and may be examined at the Administrative Offices of the Authority. Copies of the Contract Documents and Specification Plans may also be obtained at said offices upon deposit of cash, check, or bank draft in the amount of \$50.00 payable to the "Morristown Housing Authority" for each set. Such deposit is to cover the cost of Specification Plans and is non-refundable.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish an acceptable Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bond to the Authority in the full amount of the Contract in such form as the Authority may prescribe with such Surplus as they may approve.

All bidders must be authorized to do business in New Jersey. Any bidder which is a corporation not chartered under the Laws of the State of New Jersey must submit an affidavit certifying that said corporation is authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127, which pertains to "Non-Discrimination" and "Affirmative Action," and Public Law 1977, c. 33, which refers to a Statement of Corporate Ownership.

LAWRENCE R. JACKSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE
TOWN OF MORRISTOWN

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

You are hereby notified that Chairman Charles F. Booker has called a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Town of Morristown, New Jersey, on Wednesday, March 31, 1993, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room of Richmond Towers, 510 East Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget and personnel matters.

3/24/93 RICHARD D. FOX
SECRETARY-TREASURER

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LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR BIDS

A-1-The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch hereby requests bids from qualified vendors for the installation of electronic data processing equipment and specific software packages to meet the general operational need of the Authority.

A-2- All firms submitting bids are invited to inspect and survey the Authority's operation. Inspections/surveys must be pre-approved by the Authority's contract and must not disrupt the normal operations of the Authority.

A-3- Sealed bids received by the Authority at the following office:

Mr. David A. Brown
Acting Executive Director
Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch
Administration Building, Garfield Court
Long Branch, New Jersey 07740

until 10:00 A.M. local time on 3/31/93. Bids received after the stated date and time will not be considered.

A-4- Copies of the request for bids may be obtained from the following:

Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch
Administration Building, Garfield Court
Long Branch, New Jersey 07740
(908) 222-2747

A-5-The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids to waive technicalities and to award the contract to the best interest of the Authority. Bids that do not meet all requirements will be considered non-responsive and eliminated from consideration.

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH
DAVID A. BROWN
ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

The Long Branch Housing Authority is seeking a highly skilled, Master's Level Professional to coordinate innovative Resident Initiative Program. Successful candidate will have excellent social work, motivational and networking skills. She/He will also be familiar with career development strategies. Please submit Resume to David A. Brown, Acting Executive Director at Garfield Court Administration Building, P.O. Box 336, Long Branch, N.J. 07740 or Fax to 908-222-7501, or phone 908-222-3247.

3/24/93 DAVID A. BROWN
ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FOR ADVERTISING INFORMATION CALL LORRAINE, 908-754-3400

HELP WANTED

SECRETARY

The New Jersey Turnpike Authority is currently seeking applicants with excellent skills. Must be able to type 40+ wpm, and take shorthand at a minimum of 75 wpm. In addition, provide phone coverage, filing and other, related support to assigned department.

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LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Housing Authority of the City of Passaic (hereafter called the Authority) is hereby soliciting proposals for Legal Services for a period of one year. Proposals will be to render Legal Services which may require in the operation and management of all its projects and programs.

The Authority presently anticipates the following:

Low Income Housing 699 units
Section 8, Certifications
Vouchers and MOO Rehab 1,237 units
Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program
Comprehensive Grant Program

Proposals must include information detailing fee structure for all services to be performed, a statement of qualifications which should include experience in Landlord/Tenant actions and experience in Legal matters related to the operations and management of HUD programs.

All proposals must be submitted by 12:00 noon (prevailing time) on Tuesday, April 6, 1993 to the Housing Authority of the City of Passaic, 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey 07055, Attention: G.M. RUSSANO. NO LATE PROPOSALS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Interested firms should contact the Authority at the above address or by calling (201) 355-3333 to obtain all necessary information for submitting a proposal.

G.M. RUSSANO
PURCHASING AGENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Housing Authority of the City of Passaic (hereafter called the Authority) is seeking proposals for an Employee Leasing Program for all full time employees for a period of (1) and (2) years. Proposal information may be obtained at the Authority's Purchasing Department located at 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey 07055, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday or by calling (201) 355-5347.

Proposals received by the Authority no later than Monday, April 1, 1993 at 12:00 noon (prevailing time). All proposals must be enclosed in a properly sealed envelope bearing the name of the firm and the title of proposal on the envelope.

No proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of Sixty (60) days subject to the date of the Proposal without the consent of the Authority. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any informality in the process.

G.M. RUSSANO
PURCHASING AGENT

HELP WANTED

CONSULTANT

Consultant for Morristown Housing Authority to administer its Drug Elimination Program Grant. The Grant for \$100,000 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), requires the consultant to develop, administer, and eliminate programs for residents of public housing at the Authority.

The components of the program are as follows: (1) Drug Education Workshops for residents of all ages; (2) Camperships for ages 8 to 12; (3) Peer intervention for drug counseling programs for ages 13 to 17; (4) Cultural trips and activities for youth in order to enhance their self-esteem and self-pride; (5) Provide a substance abuse counselor on a part-time basis to do on-site counseling for residents and their children; (6) Consultant must be knowledgeable about HUD rules and regulations regarding procurement and program administration; (7) Copy of grant application is available at Morristown Housing Authority, or you can submit your proposals to Mr. Lawrence R. Jackson, Executive Director, Morristown Housing Authority, 31 Early Street, Morristown, New Jersey 07960, no later than April 12, 1993.

DRUG ELIMINATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The Housing Authority of the City of Rahway is seeking an individual who will be responsible for the supervision of the Authority's Drug Elimination Program. The Housing Authority manages 277 Public Housing Units, of which 112 family units have been targeted for this program. Duties will include developing educational anti-drug or drug intervention programs; work with Resident and administrative staff; Youth Groups; and other Residential Service Programs; other job duties will include attending Monthly Tenant's Association Meetings, attend HUD sponsored and other seminars and conferences and prepare monthly and semi-annual written reports on program progress.

This is considered a part-time position requiring approximately 20-25 hours per week, some of which will be in the evening.

While a degree or at least some college is preferred, candidates with related work experience in social services, youth counseling or law enforcement and background will be considered. All candidates must demonstrate the ability to prepare reports, perform simple statistical analysis and to interface with people.

Please send resume and salary requirements to be received no later than March 26, 1993 to: Mr. John P. McGinnis, Executive Director, Rahway Housing Authority, P.O. Box 1274-D, Rahway, N.J. 07065. No phone calls please.

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BOOK SALE

Friends of Newark Public Library, Thursday April 1, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Friday April 2, 9:00 am - 5:30 p.m., Saturday April 3, 9:00 am - 1:00 p.m. Books, Magazines etc. 5 Washington Street Newark.

LEGAL NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

PROJECT NO. NJ-81 AND NJ-83 HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, GARFIELD COURT P.O. BOX 336, LONG BRANCH, N.J. 07740

Separate sealed bids for the construction of an Addition to the existing Administration Building, Construction of a New Maintenance Building, and Recreation Center at Garfield Court (N.J.-1); Construction of a New Community Building at Seaview Manor (N.J.-3).

The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch will receive sealed bids on April 8, 1993 at the office of the Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch, Administration Building, Garfield Court, Long Branch, N.J. 07740 until 10:00 a.m. and then at said office publicly open and read aloud.

Bids must be submitted prior to the designated time for acceptance and opening of bids and may be submitted written by mail or in person, by the BIDDER or his agent. No bids will be accepted after the designated time.

Bids must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name BIDDER and marked "Bids for New Building Package".

The Information for Bidders, form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at:

The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch, Long Branch, NJ, offices, and James C. Anderson Associates, Inc., 907 Pleasant Valley Avenue, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054 (609) 722-6700 offices.

Copies may be obtained at the office of The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch located at Garfield Court, Administration Building, Rockwell Avenue, Rockwell Avenue, N.J. 07740 upon payment of a non-refundable \$125.00 deposit for each set.

Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a guarantee payable to the Housing Authority that, if a contract is awarded, the BIDDER shall enter into contract therefore, and shall furnish a performance Bond (100%) and a Material and Labor Bond (100%). The Proposal guarantee shall be in the amount of ten percent (10%) up to \$200,000.00 and five percent (5%) anything over \$200,000.00 of the bid, and it shall be given, at the option of the BIDDER, by certified check, cashier's check or Bid Bond.

The Surety Company for Bid Bond and the Surety Company for Performance and Payment Bonds must be licensed in New Jersey State and must be approved by the Federal Treasury.

The owner reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Pre-Bid Meeting: There will be a pre-bid meeting held at Garfield Court Administration Building, Rockwell Avenue, Long Branch, N.J., on March 29, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. All prevailing time.

DAVID A. BROWN
ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

HELP WANTED

ENGINEER - CONSTRUCTION

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Housing Authority of the City of East Orange, New Jersey seeks an experienced professional for the position of Executive Director. The Authority owns/manages 456 units of public housing consisting of three sites: 212 units located in a garden apartment complex, 141 units in a second story senior citizen building, 180 units in a second story senior citizen building. The Authority also administers 161 Section 8 Vouchers and 476 Certificates.

A Bachelors Degree in public administration, social science or other appropriate program, or a minimum of 5 years of housing or related experience in public administration, public finance, realty or similar development. A Masters Degree in appropriate program may substitute for 2 years of this experience, and certification as a housing manager is required. Prior experience, and certification as a housing manager is required. Prior experience as an Executive Director may be substituted for required educational experience.

The successful candidate will have demonstrated accomplishments in the field of public housing, including financial accountability and interpretation and application of federal HUD regulations, funding standards and audit requirements. Deadline for receipt of documents is April 30, 1993.

Please send resume and salary requirements to:

Housing Authority of the City of East Orange
160 Halsted Street
East Orange, N.J. 07018
Attention: Search Committee

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Weeks black s' support

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Some of the companies exhibiting at the fair were Allied Signal Inc.; City News Publications, City National Bank, General Public Utilities, N.J. Transit, Prudential Insurance Company, Supermarkets General Corporation, Training, Inc. of Essex County College and U.S. Small Business Administration.

But we must also come to the realization that college athletics, especially at the major level, is another form of paid entertainment being used as a tryout step toward employment in the professional leagues. That's just another reason we need to impress on our children that there are many more doctors, dentists, teachers and even CEOs in this country than there are pro athletes.

Parades and festivals in Newark

According to Celeste Baicman Mangan, DORCA cultural affairs supervisor, the complete schedule is as follows: **Sunday, May 23 at 1 p.m.:** African-American Heritage Day Parade

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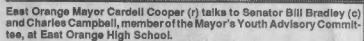
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